



# Woodridge E-News

May 28, 2021

*Dear Trevor,*



Woodridge VFW Post 1578 is very active in the Woodridge community and a tremendous group of veterans. On behalf of the Mayor, the Village Board, and the Village of Woodridge - thank you for your dedication and service.

## VILLAGE MEETINGS

**Village Board Meeting**  
June 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Werch Board Room  
5 Plaza Drive

## **Celebrate Our Veterans this Memorial Day**

[Woodridge Memorial VFW Post 1578](#) was chartered on November 8, 1983, with 33 original members. As Memorial Day approaches, Mayor Cunningham and the Village Board would like to thank the Woodridge VFW on behalf of the community for their service and dedication. Whether they are marching in a Woodridge parade, giving out scholarships, or hosting fundraisers to help our neighbors in

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June 17, 7:00 p.m.  
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need, the Woodridge VFW is a significant asset to our community.

When asked how our community can help the Woodridge VFW, Bob Reichert, Woodridge VFW Quartermaster, said, "Woodridge VFW Post 1578 has served the Woodridge community for 38 years. This weekend is our Buddy Poppy Days, and we will have members at both doors at Jewel (75th and Janes) and across the street at Walgreens, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.," said Reichert. "To date, VFW has sold more than three-quarters of a billion Buddy Poppies. The proceeds go towards a great cause helping veterans. We appreciate our community for honoring their fellow Americans killed in war and preserving their memory, service, and sacrifice for our freedom."

### **VFW Post 1578 Memorial Day Service**

Woodridge VFW Post 1578 will have their annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 31, at Memorial Park, corner of Janes and Center Drive, beginning promptly at 9:00 am. THERE WILL BE NO PARADE THIS YEAR. The VFW reminds us that Memorial Day is a day dedicated to the dead - to remember those who fell in defense of this country and the ideals which this country stands for. The public is invited to attend the Memorial Day Service.

### **Friday, May 28 - Groot Yard Waste Service Delays**

Groot advised the Village of Woodridge that the Friday, May 28 yard waste pick up will be picked up on Saturday, May 29 due to staff shortages. Groot stated that all yard waste should be collected by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 29. Please call Groot at 888-485-0900 with any questions or issues.

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## **Memorial Day Updates - Village Hall Closed and Garbage Schedule**

Village offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31.

Garbage and recycling services will be delayed for Monday and Tuesday scheduled residents. As a reminder, Monday customers will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday customers will be picked up on Wednesday. Normal operations resume on Thursday. The holiday schedule, along with other information can be found on the [Village's Garbage and Recycling Page](#).

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## **Refuse, Recycling and Landscape Waste Contract - Groot Industries**

The Village wants to remind you of some information as it relates to Groot and the Groot contract. Currently, the Village is in the fourth year of a five-year contract with Groot Industries to provide a volume based, sticker collection program for single-family residential (and multi-family residential of four units or less). Stickers are increasing ten cents (\$0.10) to \$3.80 per sticker for year 4 (June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022) and are used for both refuse and landscape waste. Residents also have the option to subscribe to a monthly contract for cart service with Groot by contacting Groot at (888) 485-0900. Additionally, residents should call Groot with any issues related to missed pick-ups, concerns, or questions. If you would like to speak to someone at the Village regarding Groot operations, please call (630) 719-2905. Please visit [the Village's website](#) for more information on the program. Current sticker locations include:

- CVS Pharmacy – 8645 Woodward, Woodridge
- Jewel -75th & Janes, Woodridge

- Jewel - 1156 Maple, Lisle
  - Jewel - 1227 Naper Blvd., Naperville
  - Jewel - 6215 Main, Downers Grove
  - Ace Hardware - 6216 Main, Downers Grove
  - Mariano's - 1300 Naper Blvd., Naperville
  - Meijer - 755 Boughton, Bolingbrook
  - CVS Pharmacy - 8325 Lemont, Darien
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### **Seasonal Job Opportunities at the Village of Woodridge - \$17/hr.**

The Village is hiring for temporary, [seasonal positions](#) that begin in June and last approximately three months. These positions are available in the Public Works maintenance crews and the work involves manual labor and is primarily outdoors. Duties include assisting streets, water, and sewer and fleet maintenance crews with daily operations. The hourly rate is \$17 per hour and the hours are for full-time seasonal employment. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **Woodridge Public Library - Summer Reading Now Registering**

Children will go on a summer reading adventure with pirates, dinosaurs, astronauts, games and crafts; teens and adults can complete a "reading BINGO card" to win a journal or giant candy bars, during Summer Reading programs at the Woodridge Public Library. [Sign up](#) online or visit the library to register.

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### **Woodridge Police Department 2020 Annual Report**

The [Woodridge Police Department's 2020 Annual Report](#) is now available. The report's objective is to highlight the many accomplishments, initiatives, and programs involving dedicated Woodridge Police Officers. The Annual Report contains a letter to the Woodridge community. "As the Woodridge Police Chief, I am very proud to present our Annual Report for 2020," said Chief Brian Cunningham. "Although this has been a difficult year for law enforcement, I'm incredibly proud of how our officers handled every challenge. I'm especially thankful for the support we received from the community, the Village Board, and most of all, from our families."

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### **Village Accepting Applications for Fiscal Assistant I**

The Village of Woodridge is seeking a full-time, 40 hour per week Fiscal Assistant I. This position will be responsible for providing analytical and administrative support for the Finance department. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Accounts Payable: invoice entry, tracking, review, processing, and mailing of weekly checks
- Accounts Receivable: support for water billing clerk, entering invoices, and reporting
- Processing payments for water bills, permits, licenses; and reconciling daily cash
- Processing real estate transfer stamps, building permits
- Customer Service, and more.

For more information, and for the employment application, please visit the [Village's Human Resources website](#).

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### **Lisle-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees Accepting Applications for Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC)**

Are you interested in serving your community? The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District Board of Trustees seeks a community-minded person to serve on the Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC). The BOFC is responsible for the appointment and promotion of sworn LWFD Firefight/Paramedics and Officers. Duties and responsibilities include establishing policies for recruiting, testing, selection, and promotion of members, establishing guidelines and procedures for hearings required for discipline and/or termination of members covered by its authority. Interested candidates should submit a letter of intent and resume to the President of the Board of Trustees by June 22, 2021, at 3 p.m. For additional information or questions, email [info@lwfd.org](mailto:info@lwfd.org) or [click here](#).

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### **Village Update on COVID-19 Protocols Including Masks Required at Village Facilities**

Governor Pritzker recently issued a new [Executive Order](#) in response to the new CDC guidelines issued. The Executive Order essentially mirrors the CDC guidance which states that fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear masks except in limited circumstances; and individuals who are not fully vaccinated, must continue to comply with prior guidelines, including wearing masks, social distancing and limiting gatherings.

The Village has reviewed this new guidance and made the determination to continue to follow the existing mask policy regardless of vaccination status which requires the public to wear a mask and socially distance when entering a Village facility and to have Village employees wear a mask and socially distance while in the performance of their duties. The Village will continue the masking policies for all indoor settings open to the public until capacity limits are lifted and/or the state reaches Phase 5. As the Village learns more about the requirements of Phase 5, we will re-evaluate the mask policy. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping the members of the public and Village employees safe, during this transition period.

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### **Congratulations to the Class of 2021**

The Village of Woodridge would like to congratulate those in the graduating class of 2021 for their perseverance, commitment, and dedication during a school year like no other. Way to go and best wishes on your future!



### **2021 Road Resurfacing**

Infrastructure reinvestment is vital in maintaining the integrity and safety of Woodridge's roadways. Crews will resurface many sections of road under the 2021 Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Road Improvement Project, with the work typically including spot curb/gutter repairs, spot sidewalk repairs, and the removal and replacement of the asphalt roadway. The MFT work for 2021 includes resurfacing planned for roadways in the Summerhill subdivision, the area of Meadowwood Avenue, as well as sections of Roberts Drive, Kincaid Drive, Martin Drive and Langley, Carpenter, Koloff, and Martin Courts. The specific roadway sections under construction are available at [www.woodridgeil.gov/2021CIP](http://www.woodridgeil.gov/2021CIP). The construction projects will result in better driving conditions, enhanced safety, and improved road appearance.

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### **Village Accepting Applications for Part-Time Social Worker**

The Village of Woodridge, a progressive and vibrant, family-friendly community located in south Central DuPage County is seeking a hands-on [professional Social Worker](#) who will work as a part of the Police Department in their efforts to provide high level law enforcement services to the residents and businesses of the community. This part-time, 25-hour per week social worker will provide services to Woodridge residents who have been referred through the Police Department

or Village. The Social Worker reports to the Deputy Chief of Support Services. [More information online.](#)

Position Responsibilities include:

- Provides advocacy, clinical assessments, crisis intervention, referrals, youth services, community programming and training along with short term counseling for residents and victims. Will have an understanding of the juvenile station adjustment process.
- Possess the ability and aptitude to work in a paramilitary environment alongside police officers and a diverse community.
- Has the ability to clinically work with individuals, or groups providing crisis intervention, diagnostic group and short-term treatment services.
- Will demonstrate the ability to problem-solve and work creatively to address social and mental health challenges within the community. Demonstrates empathy and resilience when dealing with victims and their families in crisis intervention, support and referrals.

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### **ComEd Financial Assistance Opportunities**

ComEd has a variety of [assistance opportunities](#) including the two highlighted below.

**CHAMP:** ComEd offers help to military families who are past due on their energy bills. The **CHAMP** program provides grants to activated or honorably discharged members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, Reserves and veterans. Learn more at [ComEd.com/CHAMP](#).

**SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE:** Eligible businesses can take advantage of the **Small Business Assistance** program that offers a grant, once every 12 months, up to \$1,000 towards a past-due balance. Enrolled businesses may also place a remaining balance on a payment plan of up to 6 months. Visit [ComEd.com/SmallBizAssistance](#) for program details.

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### **Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Virtual Public Hearing June 9**

The draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Public Hearing will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. This is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Additional information on the CAPER and meeting information is [available online](#). Historical CAPER documents and information is also [available online](#).

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### **CMAP FLIP Program Now Accepting Applications**

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) recently opened registration for this year's virtual Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program. CMAP is seeking high school and college students in northeastern Illinois to participate in the free summer leadership development series. Sessions will be held on Fridays, July 9 through July 30, for 90 minutes via Zoom. Students who complete all four "FLIP Friday" sessions will receive a FLIP certificate. [Registration closes on Friday, June 11 and is available online.](#)

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### **Help Protect Basic Services in Our Community - Restore Local Government Distributive Fund Payments**

The Village of Woodridge has joined 275 municipalities throughout the area in urging Springfield to restore local revenue payments. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is generated from income taxes paid by local residents and businesses and collected by the State before it gets redistributed back to municipalities.

LGDF funds help pay for essential services, such as police services, road repairs and maintenance, garbage collection and flood prevention.

The State promised 10 percent of total income tax collections to municipalities on a per capita basis through the fund in lieu of a local income tax. But in recent years, the State has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to 6.06 percent.

Now, Springfield is considering taking additional money from LGDF this year, which would make local governments even more reliant on property taxes when they are challenged to balance their own budgets and maintain essential services.

We encourage you to contact your State Senator and Representative and let them know that you: 1) oppose further LGDF cuts; and 2) support restoring LGDF payments to the full 10 percent level that had been promised.

Restoring LGDF dollars to our community will help relieve the property tax burden and help ensure that basic services remain in place moving forward.

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## IN AND AROUND WOODRIDGE

**VFW Buddy Poppy Days:** Woodridge Memorial VFW Post 1578 will hold its [annual Buddy Poppy Days drive](#) on Friday, May 28, Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30. On Friday and Saturday, the VFW will have members at both doors at Jewel (75<sup>th</sup> and Janes), and across the street at Walgreens, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am and from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Buying a Buddy Poppy benefits needy veterans and proceeds have to be used for specific purposes including for the aid, assistance, relief, and comfort of needy or disabled veterans, among many other purposes.

**MARS Program with Adler Planetarium Speaker:** Woodridge Library hosts Adler's Michelle Nichols as she discusses and shares images of the exploration of Mars, during a virtual program "Roving the Red Planet" on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. [Register](#) to receive a Zoom link to attend.

**Exotic Animal Meet & Greet:** Get an up-close live view of fascinating exotic animals such as sugar gliders, bearded dragons or wallabies, during a virtual family program from the Woodridge Library on Saturday, June 5 at 11:00 a.m. [Register](#) to receive a Zoom link to join this interactive event.

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